

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
"Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs"

Russ Guiney, Director

February 27, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR
PROPOSITION A COMPETITIVE TRAILS GRANT FUNDS
FOR FIRST DISTRICT TRAILS SIGNAGE, FIRST DISTRICT STAGING AND
REFURBISHMENT, RIO HONDO RIVER TRAIL HORSE RAIL FENCING AND TRAIL
GATES, AND WHITTIER NARROWS TRAILS ACCESS STAGING AREA PROJECTS
(First District – Three-Vote Matter)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the projects are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Sections of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, cited herein.
2. Adopt the attached resolution approving the submission of grant applications for the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 First District 2006 Competitive Trails Grant Program for the following projects: First District Trails Signage Project in the amount of \$80,000, the First District Staging and Arena Refurbishment Project in the amount of \$140,000, the Rio Hondo River Trail Horse Rail Fencing and Trail Gates Project in the amount of \$80,000, and the Whittier Narrows Trails Access Staging Area Project in the amount of \$150,000.
3. Authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, as agent of the County, to accept funds, to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, project grant agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the Projects.

PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTION/JUSTIFICATION

Approval of these actions will allow the Department to complete the application process for the First District Trails Signage Project, the First District Staging and Arena Refurbishment Project, the Rio Hondo River Trail Horse Rail Fencing and Trail Gates Project, and the Whittier Narrows Trails Access Staging Area Project under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (Proposition A) First District Competitive Trails Grant Program. The Program provides \$1,000,000 in funding for the acquisition, development and/or improvement of real property for bike, pedestrian and equestrian trails and public access to our rivers within the First Supervisorial District. Priority will be given to projects along the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers and their tributaries in the project area known as the Emerald Necklace. Applications are due on March 2, 2007.

First District Trails Signage Project (\$80,000)

The proposed project includes replacing all existing trail signage that is worn and faded, upgrading sign material, installing new trailhead signs with updated information, and replacing existing sign posts with larger diameter pipes to mitigate horizontal stress from vandalism. New signs will be installed at a higher height to discourage graffiti.

First District Staging and Arena Refurbishment (\$140,000)

The proposed project includes refurbishing the staging areas and arenas at Avocado Heights, Whittier Narrows, Rooks, Nike, La Puente, and Lario. The refurbishment would include new equestrian hitching rails, nose troughs, split rail fencing, picnic benches, new paint on horse arenas and restroom buildings, tree planting, and parking lot adjustments.

Rio Hondo River Trail Horse Rail Fencing and Trail Gates Project (\$80,000)

The proposed project includes providing a safety buffer along the river trail for all trail users to minimize the current safety hazard along the Rio Hondo River Trail from Garvey Avenue South to the 60 Freeway.

Whittier Narrows Trails Access Staging Area Project (\$150,000)

The proposed project includes developing a staging area for hikers, equestrians, and bicyclists to access the trail on the west side of the San Gabriel River. The area will have to be grubbed and cleared to park vehicles and trailers. The project also includes constructing a turnaround area and installation of signs.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended actions support County Strategic Plan Goal No. 4 (Fiscal Responsibility) by increasing the Department's public/private partnerships, managing our resources effectively, and investing in the public infrastructure; Goal No. 5 (Children and Families Well-Being) by improving the health, economic well-being, safety and survival, emotional and social well-being, and educational/workforce readiness of the children and families of the County; and Goal No. 6 (Community Services) by improving the quality of life for residents by offering a wide range of services responsive to each community's specific needs.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There's no impact on the General Fund. The cost of the proposed projects, if grants are awarded, would be fully offset with grant funds.

Operating Budget Impact

If the Department's grant applications are successful, the Department will develop estimates for the one-time start-up costs and the ongoing operating costs upon completion of the project designs, when more detailed information about the improvements is available.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Regional Park and Open Space District has \$1,000,000 in Proposition A excess funding to provide competitive grants for trails acquisition, development, and/or improvements for public access within the First Supervisorial District. Grant awards are limited to \$150,000 per project.

Pursuant to Section B (6) of the Proposition, the grantee shall use monies allocated to the maximum extent practical, to employ youth from the community in which a project is being carried out. Grantee must comply fully with all State and Federal laws regarding the employment of youth on any project. The Department will be utilizing youth hired through the Youth Enhancing Employment Program to assist with the implementation of the projects.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the resolution as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed trails projects are categorically exempt from CEQA according to Sections 15301, 15302 (c), 15303 (e), 15304 (a) (b) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 1, 2 (e), 3 (b), 4 (a) (c) of the County of Los Angeles Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987 because the projects consist of minor alterations of existing facilities, replacement of existing structures or facilities, installation of new small structures, and minor grading and landscaping.

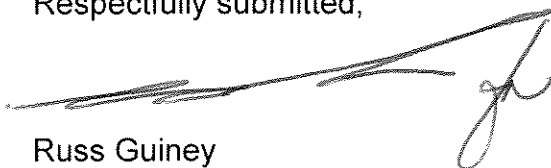
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of these actions has no impact on any other current services or projects.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Office-Clerk of the Board to return three conformed copies of this action and the signed original resolutions to Parks and Recreation by February 28, 2007, and one conformed copy to the Chief Administrative Office.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Russ Guiney', is written over a horizontal line.

Russ Guiney
Director

c: Executive Officer (22)
 Chief Administrative Office
 County Counsel

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

**APPROVING APPLICATIONS FOR PROPOSITION A
EXCESS FUNDS 2006 COMPETITIVE TRAILS GRANT FUNDS FOR FIRST
DISTRICT TRAILS SIGNAGE, FIRST DISTRICT STAGING AREA REFURBISHMENT,
RIO HONDO RIVER FENCING AND TRAIL GATES, AND WHITTIER NARROWS
TRAILS ACCESS PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Los Angeles on November 3, 1992, and on November 5, 1996 enacted Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree-Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beach and Wildlife Protection (the Propositions), which among other uses, provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County for the purpose of acquiring and/or developing facilities and open space for public recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Propositions also created the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (the District) to administer said funds; and

WHEREAS, the District has set forth the necessary procedures governing applications for grant funds under the Proposition, and

WHEREAS, the District's procedures require the Department of Parks and Recreation to certify, by resolution, the approval of the applications before submission of said applications to the District; and

WHEREAS, said applications contain assurances that the Department of Parks and Recreation must comply with; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation will enter into Agreements with the District to provide funds for development projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors;

1. Approves the filing of applications with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for First Supervisorial District Competitive Excess Funds for the above projects; and
2. Certifies that the Department of Parks and Recreation understands the assurances and certification in the application forms; and
3. Certifies that the Department of Parks and Recreation has, or will have, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the projects in perpetuity; and
4. Appoints the Director of Parks and Recreation, or designee, to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited

to, the applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so forth,
which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned projects.

The foregoing resolution was on the _____ day of _____, 2007,
adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the
governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and
authorities for which said Board so acts.

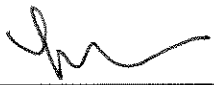
SACHI A. HAMAI, Executive Office,
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
of the County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.

County Counsel

By  _____
LILLIAN D. SALINGER

Senior Deputy County Counsel

Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office
Grant Management Statement for Grants \$100,000 or More

Department: County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation

Grant Project Title and Description

Whittier Narrows Trails Access Staging Area Project

Funding Agency

Regional Park and Open
Space District

Program (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #)

Proposition A 2006 Competitive Grant
Program

Grant Acceptance Deadline

March 2, 2007

Total Amount of Grant Funding: \$150,000

County Match:

Grant Period:

Begin Date: June 2007

End Date: June 2009

Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant:

Full Time:

Part Time:

Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program?	Yes: N/A	No:
Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items?	Yes: N/A	No:
Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires?	Yes: X	No:
If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:		
a.) Absorb the program cost without reducing other services	Yes:	No:
b.) Identify other revenue sources (describe below)		
	Yes:	No:
c.) Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant.	Yes:	No:

Impact of additional personnel on existing space:

Other requirements not mentioned above:

Department Head Signature: _____

Date: 2/15/07